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SUBJECT: UNESCO RESEARCH PROJECT ON COMPARATIVE ETHNIC
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1. PRESIDENT OF CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW (DR. HAROLD PRE-SHANSKY) HAS INFORMED NATIONAL COMMISSION IN WRITING OF CUNY WILLINGNESS EXECUTE PROJECT 3135 IN DRAFT 18 C/5 ON SUBJECT ABOVE. ACTIVITY IN QUESTION WOULD INITIALLY TAKE FORM OF UNESCO INTERNATIONAL OUT-OF-CATEGORY CONFERENCE IN SPRING 1976 ON COLLEGE CAMPUS FOR WHICH CUNY HAS AGREED PROVIDE ALL CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, HOME HOSPITALITY, AND SALARIES OF CONFERENCE PLANNERS INCLUDING DR. BENJAMIN RINGER (PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AT GRADUATE SCHOOL AND MEMBER OF NATCOM HUMAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE).

2. CUNY PREFERS AS DOES NATCOM LOW-PROFILE, SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE OF AROUND 20-25 PARTICIPANTS WITH MINIMUM MEDIA PUBLICITY. NATCOM, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FUNDING AND OTHER SERVICES, HAS INSISTED (AND CUNY AGREED) THAT CONFERENCE FINDINGS SHOULD (IN ADDITION TO UNESCO STANDARD REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT) APPEAR IN AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS IN ORDER TO REACH WIDER SPECTRUM OF SCHOLARS.

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3. BEFORE PLANNING PROCEEDS FURTHER, NATCOM NEEDS ANSWERS SOONEST TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS RE NATURE UNESCO ROLE AND PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING OF CONFERENCE. (A) DOES UNESCO INTEND COSPONSOR CONFERENCE OR WOULD THIS BE EVENT HELD IN COOPERATION OR WITH SUPPORT OF UNESCO? (B) HOW MUCH DOES UNESCO ACTUALLY INTEND ALLOCATE ACTIVITY? FUNDS IN BLUE BOOK ARE EARMARKED AT 8,800 DOLLARS. (C) HOW WOULD UNESCO FUNDS BE USED? NATCOM WOULD PREFER THAT UNESCO FUNDS BE ALLOCATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS. THIS WOULD OBIATE NEED FOR CONTRACT OR TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND SIMPLIFY ARRANGEMENTS. (D) HOW EXTENSIVELY DOES UNESCO WISH BECOME INVOLVED IN PLANNING OF SUBSTANCE? OUR THINKING IS THAT UNESCO SHOULD REVIEW CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES AND LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT) BUT LEAVE ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS TO ORGANIZERS. (E) DOES UNESCO SECRETARIAT HAVE OBJECTIONS TO LOW MEDIA PROFILE? THIS WOULD BE PREFERABLE IN VIEW OF CONFERENCE SITE. (F) DOES UNESCO INTEND TO SEND SECRETARIAT PARTICIPANT? KISSINGER

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